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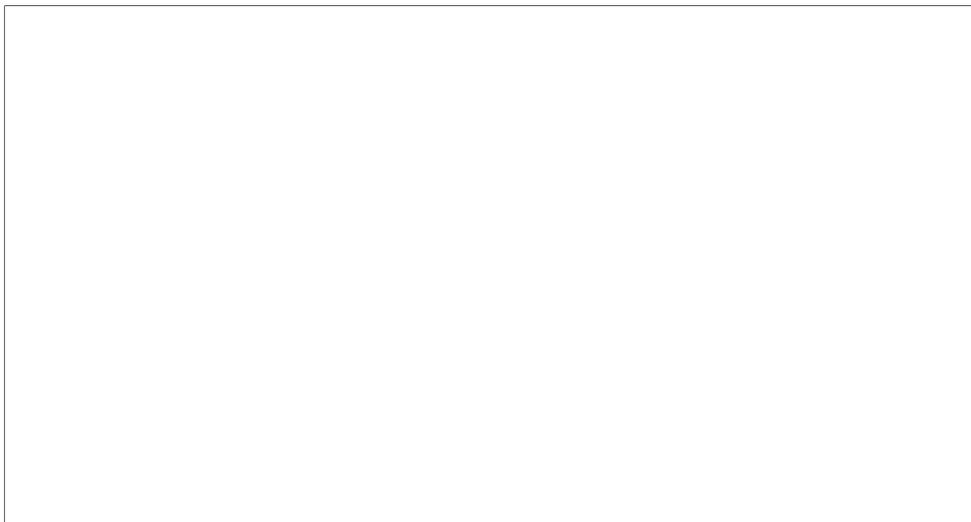
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*Vietnam:

South Vietnam: [The new South Vietnamese government has done little so far to develop positive programs to cope with the country's problems.]

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[Another factor has been the resistance of influential military elements who fear that the government's proposed reform of the civil and military administration and anticorruption measures will undercut their authority.]

[Neither house of the National Assembly is in a position to legislate, nor have any bills been introduced. Both have been chiefly concerned with formulating their internal rules. A majority of both houses appears inclined to cooperate with the government, although assembly members generally seem eager to demonstrate their independence from the executive. Their only substantive actions so far have been resolutions criticizing the government's mobilization decree and its treatment of political prisoners.]

[The situation may well improve somewhat once the executive and legislative branches complete their organization. It is likely, however, that rivalries within the leadership will continue to plague the government.]

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The Chinese air defense structure along the Viet-
namese border has also been changed. Since late
November, [redacted]
[redacted] a subdistrict close to the border has been given
new authority. [redacted]

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Greece: The Papadopoulos regime is in control of the situation, but it appears in no hurry to depose King Constantine formally or to abolish the monarchy.

The appointment of a regent suggests that Papadopoulos may not at this point be considering a complete break with the monarchy. During a press conference yesterday, Papadopoulos described the King merely as being "absent from his duties" and said that in naming a regent, Greece was following constitutional procedures.

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It seems unlikely that Constantine would be willing to return simply as a powerless, figurehead monarch, probably the best he could expect from the present rulers. Some compromise, however, preserving the institution of the monarchy may be possible. The present government will be under strong pressure from some of the more radical members of the junta to abolish the monarchy entirely. The new draft constitution, originally scheduled for submission today but now postponed "for a few days," should give some indication of the role the junta expects the monarchy to play in the future.

There is still no firm information of Constantine's personal plans.

So far, the attempted overthrow has had no noticeable effect on the Cyprus situation. On 14 December, Greek Foreign Minister Pipinelis told the Turks that Greece intends to fulfill the terms of the Greek-Turkish agreement.

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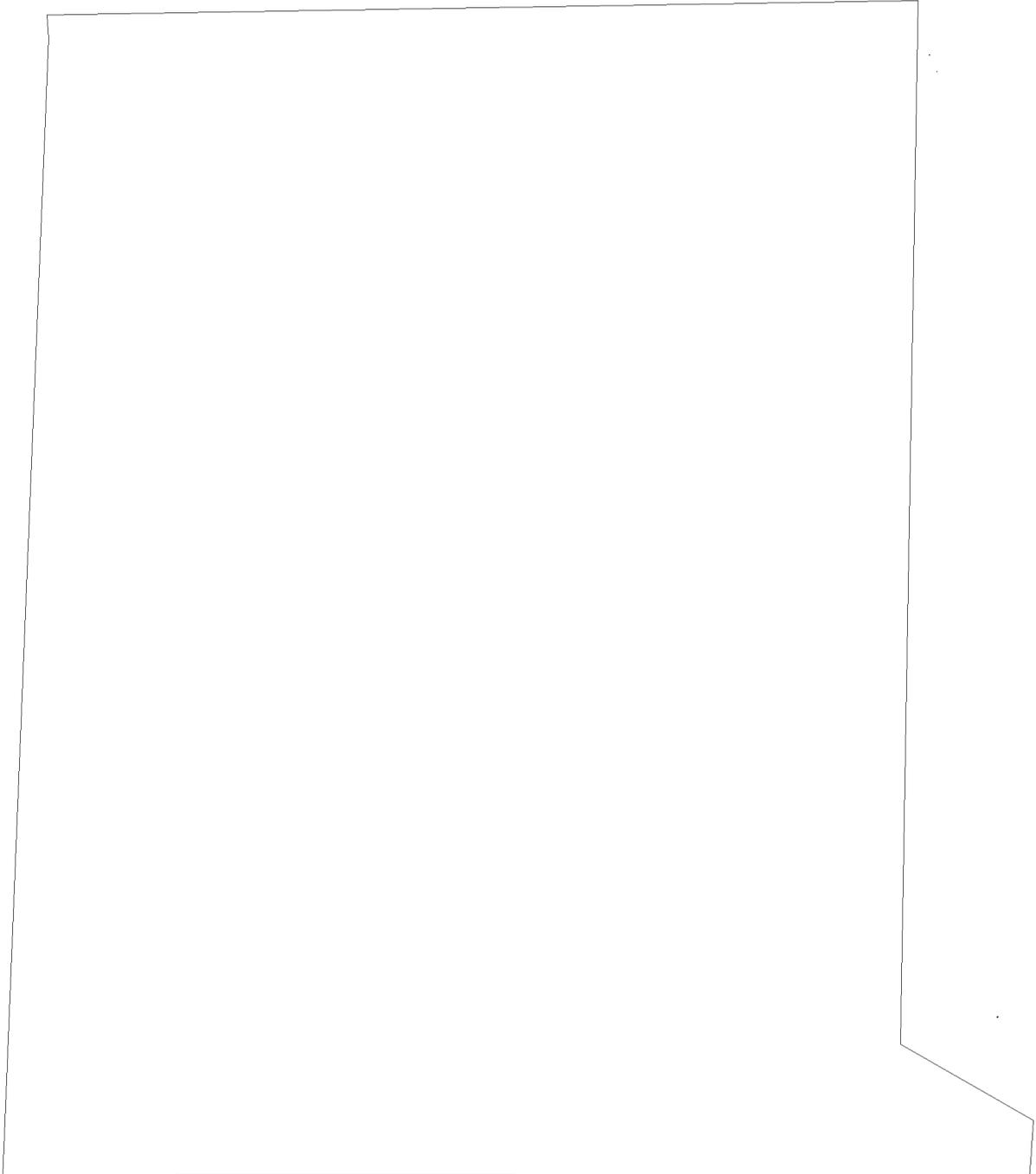
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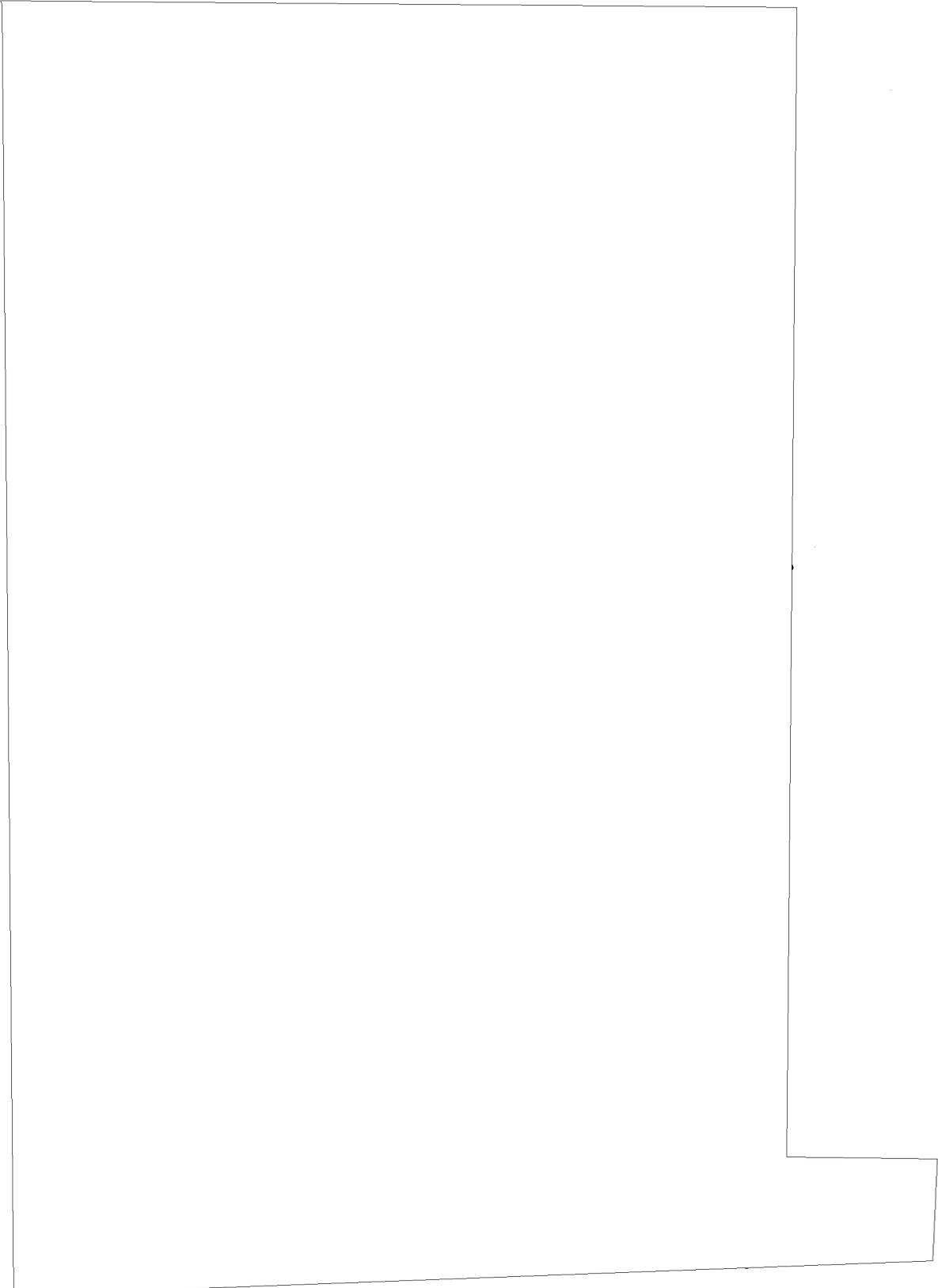
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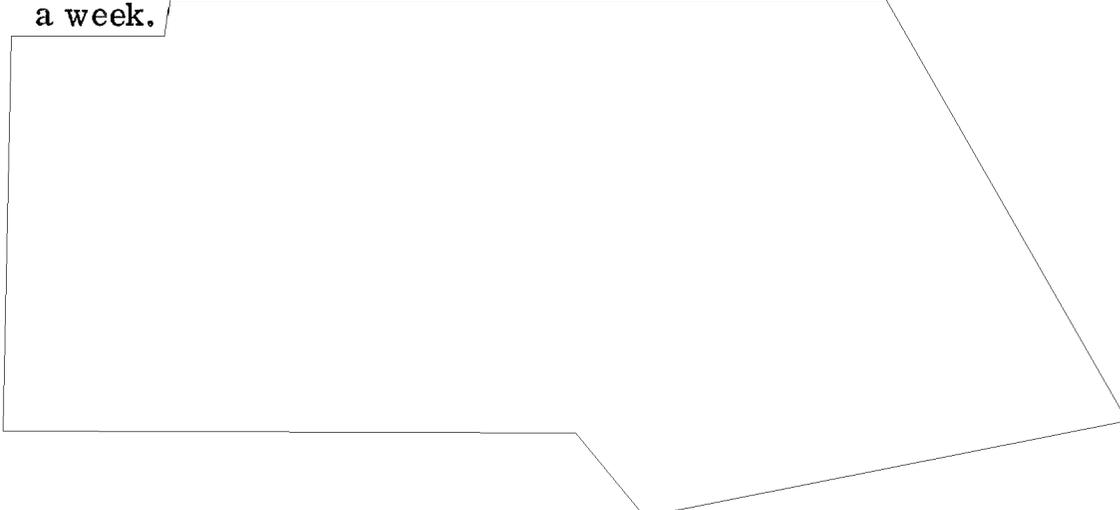
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NOTE

Czechoslovakia: There continues to be disagreement among Czechoslovak leaders on party policy and leadership changes which may involve party first secretary Novotny. A party central committee plenum, reportedly scheduled to meet on 13 December to deal with these matters, is now said to have been postponed a week.



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